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1. [REDACTED] the morale of the men in Bulgarian Border Guard units is very low; at least 80 percent of them are against the Communist regime. In the absence of known members of the CPB, the men speak openly against the government and the Russians. [REDACTED] in case of war they would revolt and help Americans to liberate Bulgaria of Communists.
 2. Following are the principal complaints:
 - a. Three year military service.
 - b. Lack of food.
 - c. Lack of proper clothing. For three years service the men receive two uniforms, two pairs of shoes and three shirts.
 - d. Their oath, which requires that they will defend and protect the Bulgarian Communist Government instead of their country. The propaganda and the political lectures point out the necessity to protect and fight for the CPB, Premier Chervenkov and Stalin, but the Bulgarian nation and people are not even mentioned.
 - e. The fact that all high posts are in the hands of Russian instructors, who are hated by the soldiers.
 - f. The contrast between the propaganda of the political commissars, that there is rapid economic and political progress, and the fact that the soldiers on leave find their families lacking food and other basic items and suffering under increased oppression of the local Communist officials.
 3. 25X1X [REDACTED] the longing for freedom and liberation from the Communist regime is not based on some sentimental feeling, but is a result of the unwholesome political situation, oppression and famine suffered by the people of Bulgaria.

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